As a service to our English speaking listeners, we present this summary of the week's news stories from Lithuania as well as items of local interest, read in English. Our news comes to us from the Open Media Research Institute by way of the Internet and from the ELTA news service courtesy of the Lithuanian Embassy in Washington, D.C. Internet access is graciously provided by John Carroll University Computer Network Services.

THE DAY OF MOURNING AND HOPE APPROACHING VILNIUS, June 8, ELTA - The Club of Lithuanian Defense Friends with its sponsors and Vilnius Municipality are organizing the commemmoration of the Day of Mourning and Hope, scheduled for June 14th.

The commemoration ceremony is to begin at 11 a.m. near to the altar of deportees erected at the former KGB building. Prof. Vytautas Landsbergis, Monsignor Alfonsas Svarinskas and General Jonas Andriskevicius are invited to give speeches. At noon, the crowd will process to Vilnius Archicathedral for a mass which is to be celebrated at 12:30.

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LITHUANIA IN EU: Lithuanian Prime Minister Adolfas Slezevicius, is to sign an agreement on associate membership in the European Union on Monday in Helsinki. Slezevicius said the event would mark a shift away from the "former Soviet empire" toward that of democratic Europe, and would provide opportunities for integration into the West's political, economic and defense structures. (Interfax)

BALTIC NAVIES TAKE PART IN NATO EXERCISE. Warships from the three Baltic States are taking part in the NATO naval exercise Baltops ' 95, which began in the Baltic Sea on 6 June. A Lithuanian frigate and mine-sweepers from Estonia and Latvia are participating--as are naval forces from Poland, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, and the U.S. During the Cold War, the Baltops maneuvers were annual NATO-only naval exercises in the Baltic demonstrating a NATO naval presence in that area. Participants in the Partnership for Peace program and others have recently been invited to take part. -- Doug Clarke, OMRI, Inc.